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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : John N. McMahon  
Associate Deputy to the DCI for the  
Intelligence Community

SUBJECT : Guidelines for Congressional Liaison

1. George Cary advises that the OLC "Guidelines for Congressional Liaison" paper is being forwarded to you today. As presently written, it still includes guidelines for ICS as well as for CIA in a single paper.

2. We continue to believe it would be precarious to include ICS in this paper until such time as the DCI has personally discussed with Congressman Mahon the matter of OLC support for the ICS.

3. A different approach would be to limit the paper which OLC is forwarding to CIA matters, with a separate set of guidelines applicable to the ICS. The difference might be looked upon as primarily cosmetic--but at least there would be separate papers, one for CIA and one for ICS, to answer those who are concerned about the lack of separateness in the two organizations.

4. Attached, as an indication of what we have in mind, is a draft of a proposed "Intelligence Community Staff Guidelines for Congressional Liaison." It was drafted to

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be in complete accord with the 10 November "Guidelines" as prepared by OLC, and we would expect to have no problem adapting it to the revision which George Cary is providing you today.

/s/ JOHN N. McMAHON

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Draft ICS Guidelines

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<b>Remarks:</b> Hank: This revised package from George Cary seems to satisfy most points raised by the EAG on 16 November reasonably well. I have only a few lingering concerns: 1) While there is some slight softening of the wording in the guidelines, the additional sentence added in Section II-A-4, concerning the review and sanitization of notes taken by congressional personnel, needs clarification. It is not clear how this procedure can be followed without provoking congressional irritation. 2) The last sentence of the revised Employee Bulletin seems unduly restrictive			
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and rather blunt from a congressional point of view.

3) In that only [ ] additional slots are being authorized at this time (for a total of [ ] I don't feel that the DCI should be asked to approve a full T.O. of [ ] positions (including an EP-5)--unless it is clearly labeled as a planned T.O. for FY 1978. The [ ] additional positions required to reach the total of [ ] could then be put at the top of the list of our unfunded requirements for FY 1978. The request for an EP-level position would be incorporated into FY 1979 planning, as determined by the EAG on 16 November.

4) Pages 5 and 6 of Annex D--Briefing Visiting Members of Congress are missing from our copies of the revised draft. I presume that these have not been deleted intentionally and will still appear in the final document.

I concur with John McMahon and [ ] that there should be separate guidelines for the IC Staff and the Agency. But I think you should support Cary's approach on this, which is to:

- 1) Urge the Director to approve this overall DCI package and, at the same time--
- 2) Have him request the CIA and ICS to independently issue internal procedures in accord with the overall guidelines.

Finally, we will shortly have to schedule a Comptroller/EAG meeting to deal with the immediate problem of providing the [ ] positions for OLC and other FY 1977 unfunded requirements (if any).

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